**Town Council Meeting**

**June 3, 2020**

**Agenda**

**ROLL CALL**

Wanda Gofforth Gill Saunders

John Paton ~~Ralph Clark~~

~~Mike Tiedeman~~ Jeff Peed

Chris Johnson Bruce Bair

Cally Gallegos

1. **CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER 7:05**
2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA John Paton makes a motion to approve the agenda, Jeff Peed seconds the motion, motion passes**
3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Minutes John Paton makes a motion to approve the minutes as written, Gill Saunders seconds the motion, motion passes**

**Disbursements - None**

1. **NON-AGENDA ITEMS – Discussed the Cat issue in regards to the letter written by Bonnie Spiker. No other neighbors have complained nor did the previous owners ever complain. We have no evidence that the problem exists, no one can see inside of the yard that she is complaining about due to the fact that it has an eight foot high fence around it. Council agrees that we need to speak to the attorney and see what we can do. Cally will contact him.**
2. **Mayor Gofforth asked the council when they thought we could open up the building. She stated that Cally would be on vacation next week so maybe wait until she returns or just go ahead and open it on June 8th. Cally suggested that we see what the orders are from the governor before we open because we don’t want to cause extra work for Bruce. We will ask town attorney about any liability and Bruce also suggested that we find a sign to post on the doors in regards to entering at your own risk. John Paton makes a motion that we open the building June 10th, Chris Johnson seconds the motion. Motion passes.**

**Wanda also reminds people to complete the census, this helps the town get funding in the future.**

1. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
2. **OLD BUSINESS\***

**Laska Hix wanting a variance to park her RV in town. Laska explained that she had plans to build but nothing set in stone. She is waiting for her Moms property to sell but she didn’t think there would be anyway she could start until next year. Laska would like to use the water longer than 90 days. Code states that you can only use water for 90 days per year for RV hook up.**

 **John Paton states that we did not allow others to do this, Scraggs, Ferrier and Stewart so we** should stay consistent with that. Jeff Peed stated that if we were to grant a variance to her it needs to have an expiration date. Bruce stated that he first noticed the fence and then noticed that she was hooked to the sewer also and left her a note stating that she could not dump the sewage from her RV into the town system, and if she didn’t disconnect he would shut off the water. Laska contacted Bruce and told him that she does not have a holding tank in her RV. Bruce inspected and told her that she was ok to leave the sewer connected because it was done as per code. At that time he advised her that she cannot be hooked up to water for longer than 90 days and that she would need to speak to the council.

She told the council that she would like to find a historical grant and try to preserve the cabin that is on the property. Gills Saunders states that he might consider a variance. Chris Johnson asked Laska why she didn’t come to the council for permission before she went to all the expense. Chris added that she could possibly move to an RV park in Hotchkiss. She doesn’t think that she could afford to do that. She does plan to build she just doesn’t know when that might happen. Chris Johnson suggests that she come back to the council in 60 days to update them on her plans and where she stands with the financing of the building project. Council agrees that would be the best thing for her to do.

1. **NEW BUSINESS\***

Building permit fee Wanda asked the council if they could pass the building permit fee that had been discussed when they were working on the mobile home ordinance. Cally suggested that we wait until we had a written ordinance from the attorney. The fee will be the same as the fee in the mobile home ordinance. $50 for permit and $3 per 1000 for materials. Cally will ask attorney for that resolution.

1. **PUBLIC NON - AGENDA ITEMS**
2. Public Works – Spring cleanup they hauled 6 tons of trash out of Town. The County allows us to dump 10 ton a year for free. The county charges for tires and refrigerators. Crew worked on the lift station and they completed the repairs in one day, Bruce thought it would take 2 full days. Drew and Bruce have on valve to replace.

Nathan Sponseller project was shut down by Bruce because the traffic control as per the CDOT permit was not being done. They had concrete trucks in the highway. When the project is completed Bruce will have to move the stop sign on Cedar.

Water flows are down; we are feeling the effects of the 2018 drought. Bruce is monitoring it closely and will possibly asking people to conserve water. Seems to be an influx of RV since Covid 19, and Bruce’s concern for health and safety is that if we get to many buildings close together and had a fire we could possibly be risking others’ lives.

We have had some vandalism as of lately and Bruce would like to get some game cameras that run on batteries or get Wi-Fi at the shop so that we could put up Bluetooth cameras. John Paton suggests that Bruce call the sheriff’s office and report it so they can watch the town.

1. Board Members – Jeff Peed shared with the council that the chamber is having a video made on the 11th to show off the business in town that are open for business.

Chris Johnson asked about the RV across the street from Wanda’s house on Cedar and it was stated that there is no sewer or water on the property so he is not using water or sewer. He also has plans to build but will have to buy water and sewer taps first. Chris warned people to go slow on Cedar; there are a lot of cars parked on the street and a lot of children playing on the street. Also, asked Bruce to remind the sheriff to watch the stop signs on the Fruitland mesa road people are blowing through the stop sign.

1. Clerk- Moved office from home to the Town Hall.
2. Mayor’s Report –Cally will be on vacation next week but Drew will be in and out to man the office when he is not helping Bruce. The Covid 19 has proven that the Town still runs even if the office door is locked. Next meeting is June 17th and it will again be a Zoom meeting due to the “Safe at Home order”. If we meet you can only have 10 people and we cannot deny people to attend the meetings.
3. **POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**
4. **ADJOURNMENT 8:17**

**\*POSSIBLE ACTION ON ALL AGENDA ITEMS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED\***